

TRANSCRIPTION - ORIGINAL FOLLOWS

Dear General Ryan,

Since our last discussion concerning Project SPIKE, SAMSO [words illeg] investigating the technical feasibility of this [illeg] approach to low-altitude satellite defense. It is my understanding that the results of the SAMSO analysis will be available on 1 September 1971. Concurrently FY72 funding decisions are in progress in both the missile and space defense line item and the related Aerospace Defense Program. I believe Project SPIKE has great potential and, should the SAMSO studies show SPIKE to be a feasible and desirable concept, it could influence profoundly FY72 funding decisions in development programs.

The Project SPIKE concept was briefed to General McKee and [2 lines illeg] Further he requested I advise you of his interest and concern that we avoid premature obligation of all FY72 funds that are available for anti-satellite defense programs (reference attached letter).

I recommend that the results of the SAMSO effort to determine the feasibility and desirability of Project SPIKE be considered before final funding decisions on FY72 anti-satellite programs.

Sincerely

THOMAS K. MCGEHEE, Lt Gen, USAF  
Commander

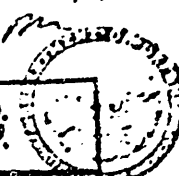
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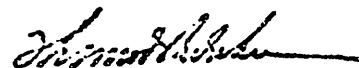
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The Project SPIKE concept was briefed to General McKee on 24 June 1971. He expressed the potential ability and desirability of such a program. Further he mentioned I have shown of his interest and concern that we avoid premature obligation of all FY72 funds that are available for anti-satellite defense programs (reference attached letter).

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